

**NAVEGAON-NAGZIRA TIGER RESERVE
APRIL- 2016**

Team:

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Highlights

- ⇒ *Joined Forest Department staff on 5 patrols*
- ⇒ *5 community assistance shramdhaans – programmes to clean area next to hand pumps at Jindatola, Pitezari, Bodalkasa, Pindkepar, Govindtola*
- ⇒ *5 programmes to clean water holes at Compartments no.112, 113, Mangezari, Comp. no. 109, 110*
- ⇒ *4 anti-plastic programmes at Pitezari, Chorkamara, Kodebarra, Govindtola*
- ⇒ *Assisted in fighting fire in forest in Compartment no. 57*
- ⇒ *Organised 6 medical camps in which 101 patients got free treatment*
- ⇒ *Celebrated World Earth Day on 22nd April at Jindatola (Ghoti)*

Conservation

Date	Village	Activity	No. of participants
3/4/2016	Mangezari	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept. in Day & Night patrol	6
7/4/2016	Kodebarra	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept. in Day & Night patrol	4
12/4/2016	Jindatola	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept. in Day & Night patrol	6
18/4/2016	Govindtola	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept. in Day & Night patrol	5
24/4/2016	Comp. no. 56	Our volunteers from youth club joined Forest Dept. in Day & Night patrol	6
8/4/2016	Jindatola	Programme to clean area around hand pump	6
5/4/2016	Pitezari	Programme to clean area around hand pump	5
13/4/2016	Bodalkasa	Programme to clean area around hand pump	6
17/4/2016	Pindkepar	Programme to clean area around hand pump	5
27/4/2016	Govindtola	Programme to clean area around hand pump	5
14/4/2016	Comp. no. 112	Programme to clean area around waterhole	6

15/4/2016	Compartment no:113	Programme to clean area around waterhole	6
20/4/2016	Mangezari	Programme to make new waterhole near forest area	7
21/4/2016	Compartment no:109	Programme to clean area around waterhole	6
22/4/2016	Compartment no:110	Programme to clean area around waterhole	7
27/4/2016	Compartment no:57	Assisted in fighting fire	6
5/4/2016	Pitezari	Anti plastic programme	5
6/4/2016	Chorkamara	Anti plastic programme	5
19/4/2016	Kodebarra	Anti plastic programme	5
26/4/2016	Govindtola	Anti plastic programme	5
5/4/2016	Pitezari	VEDC Meeting	10
7/4/2016	Sodlagondi	VEDC Meeting	9
13/4/2016	Thadezari	VEDC Meeting	10
15/4/2016	Bhajepar	VEDC Meeting	12

Our team organized 5 community assistance programmes on April 2, 5, 13, 17 and 27 to clear areas around hand pumps at Pongezara, Asalpani, Mangezari and Jindatola respectively. Unemployed youths from Mangezari participated in all programmes which were led by Mukund and Salimkumar.

Water had spilled over while people drew from the hand pumps and had stagnated, leading to proliferation of mosquitoes and insects. Our teams cleared the area, removing scum and organic growth and dug canals to drain away the water.



Volunteer cleaning the area around hand pump at Thadezari



Mangezari - New waterhole made by volunteers near forest

Our team joined the Forest Department in day and night patrols on the roads from Mangezari to Kodebarra, Mangezari to Jindatola, Mangezari to Govindtola, Mangezari to Bagadband, and Mangezari to Comp. no. 56 on April 3, 7, 12, 18 and

24. Patrolling was intensified after a leopard was spotted on April 2 as officials wanted to monitor its movement and ensure that it was safe from the poachers. Besides our staff, volunteers from a youth club at Mangezari also joined in the patrols. The youth club was set up with our assistance and is mentored by Mukund Dhurve.



Patrolling in Comp. no: 56



Night patrol on road from Mangezari to Kodebarra

During the month, our team assisted in fighting a fire in the forest in Compartment no. 57 on April 27.



Fighting fire in jungle in Comp. no. 57

During the month our team organized 5 anti-plastic programmes to clean polythene/plastic litter from villages. The programmes were organised on April 5,6,19 and 24 at Pitezari, Chorkamara, Kodebarra and Govindtola villages respectively. Mukund, Salimkumar and Jivraj organised the programmes which were attended by villagers and village eco-development committee (VEDC) members. The plastic litter has been kept in our Mangezari office and will be sent to Tiroda for recycling.



Anti plastic programme at Mangezari

The Government of Maharashtra has issued the buffer zone notification for the Navegaon-Nagzira Tiger Reserve. Following this, doubts have sprung up in the minds of villagers as to how they will be affected by the notification. Due to the doubts, some villagers are opposing the notification. To clear these doubts and misgivings, we organised a total of 4 awareness programmes during April in 4 villages – Pitezari, Sodlagondi, Thadezari and Bhajepar.

On the occasion of Earth day, we organized a programme for villagers, self-help group (SHG) members and eco-development committee (EDC) members from Jindatola (Ghoti), Mangezari, Govindtola, Kodebarra, Bodalkasa. The importance of conservation was explained to the gathering and we explained to them how they could use measures like soak pits and stop dams to conserve water. The importance of reducing the usage of plastic was also stressed.

In livelihood options, our team explained to the SHGs the various government schemes available and offered them guidance on food processing, making of pickles, etc...

Our team also gave a demonstration of improved chullah (stove) which use less firewood and emit less smoke.

Round Officer (Jindatola Round) Shri. Durrani, Forest Guard Shri Sonewane and wildlife guard Shri Mehar were present.

Education

There were no education programmes during April as students were busy with their annual examinations.

S.no	Date	Village	Events	No. of Participants

Education van

There were no film shows during the month April as students were busy with their annual examinations.

S.no	Date	School	Village	Movie	Number of

					students

MHS (MOBILE HEALTH SERVICE)

There were 6 health camps in April at which 101 patients received free treatment.

S.no	Date	Village	Patients
1	9/4/2016	Sodlagondi	22
2	9/4/2016	Thadezari	18
3.	10/4/2016	Pitezari	24
4	10/4/2016	Boatola	18
5	11/4/2016	Chorkamara	8
6	11/4/2016	Bhajepar	12
		Total-	101



Dr. Zanzal examines a patient at Pitezari